

valuable waste land, which will probably be made productive in the course of the present lease. Fifty thousand rupees might thus very probably be added to the rent roll of Government on the renewal of the settlement.

(Signed) J. THOMASON,

Collector of Azimgurh.

Offy. Secy. to the Lt. Govr., N. W. P.

Agra, December 16th, 1837.

ART. II.—MR. HODGSON, on *Cuculus*.

To the Editor of the Journal of the Asiatic Society.

SIR,—Amongst the numerous new birds forwarded by me to London, some years back, when I was young enough to imagine that learned Societies existed solely for the disinterested promotion of science, was a very singular form combining all the essential internal and external characters of *Cuculus* with the entire aspect of *Dicrurus*.

Unceremoniously as many others of my novelties have been appropriated, this one still, I believe, remains undescribed, and I therefore beg to present to you a description and sketch of it.

SCANSORES,

Cuculidæ,

Genus *Pseudornis nob*,

Generic character, essential characters of *Cuculus* with the entire aspect of *Dicrurus*. Tail 10, forked. Type *Pseudornis Dicruroides nob*. Habitat. The mountains exclusively. Specific character, Black, with a changeable blue or green gloss. Inner wing and tail coverts, and pair of extreme tail feathers, cross barred with white. An oblique white bar across the wings internally, and high up. Bill black. Iris hoary brown. Palate red. Legs and feet blue. 10 to $10\frac{1}{2}$ inches long, whereof the bill is $1\frac{1}{16}$ and the tail $5\frac{1}{2}$ to $5\frac{3}{4}$. Tarsus $\frac{12}{16}$. Long anteal toe $\frac{11}{16}$. Long postal toe $\frac{9}{16}$. Weight $1\frac{1}{2}$ oz. Sexes alike. General manners of *Cuculus*, but exclusively monticulous and a forester.

Remark.—The bill, tongue, feet, and wings are precisely those of *Cuculus canorus*, with these trivial diversities—if such they can be reckoned—that the wing is hardly so elongated, and the bill is less rounded on the culmen.

The tail consists of ten feathers, and is both in relative size and in form like that of the genus *Dicrurus*; that is to say, it has ten feathers, and is divaricated and forked, though the fork be not deep.



PSEUDORNIS DICRUROIDES NOB.

Type of GENUS PSEUDORNIS NOB. $\frac{1}{2}$ Nat: Size